Spurt in crimes in Delhi

4877. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is abnormal rise in various kinds of crimes in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking any specific steps to arrest the spurt in crimes in Delhi;

(c) whether any efforts has been made to seek public support to fight crime; and

(d) whether any directives have been issued by the Central Government to instill confidence in women and strengthen the fight against crime and to arrest the spurt in crime?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) There has been a steady decline in the IPC crimes since the year 1999 and this trend has continued in the current year also so far.

(b) The steps taken by Delhi Police to prevent crimes in the National Capital Territory of Delhi include intensification of beat patrolling; posting of armed pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence network; close watch on and frequent raids at the suspected hide-outs of criminals and terrorists; verification of antecedents of domestic servants; increased surveillance on history sheeters; coordination meeting with officers of neighbouring States; meetings with members of Residents Welfare Associations and deployment of police personnel in plain clothes in running buses, market places, business places and other crime-prone places.

(c) The importance of public involvement and cooperation in fighting crime has been duly recognized by Delhi Police. The efforts made in this direction include formation of Nagrik Suraksha Samities and Aman Committees regular meetings with the members of Resident Welfare Associations; and increased emphasis on implementation of Community Policing and Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.

(d) The steps taken to instill confidence in women include streamlining the functioning of Crime Against Women Cell; stationing of Police Control Room vehicles near women's institutions and places frequented by them; deployment of police personnel at the Girls/Women institutions to instill a sense of security; preventive action against the persons known or suspected to be indulging in crime against women; and setting up of a women Police Mobile team to attend to distress calls from women.